GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ANTHRAX LETTERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suspected anthrax letters received by the National Institute of Communicable Disease for testing during the last six months; and

(b) the results of the tests conducted thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) During the last six months 393 (Three hundred & ninety-three) suspected anthrax letters were received by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi for testing.

(b) All the letters were found negative for anthrax.